

Amendment  
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/654,182

REMARKS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

The amendment simply removes the non-elected subject matter. Accordingly, no questions of new matter should arise and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has allowed the elected claims and has made this an *Ex parte Quayle* action. At the request of the Examiner, the non-elected claims have been cancelled. The applicants reserve the right to pursue this subject matter in one or more divisional applications.

With the cancellation of the claims, the applicants have addressed all of the outstanding matters. The Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance/Allowability.

Also, the Applicants have yet to receive the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the first Information Disclosure Statement. This first Information Disclosure Statement was filed August 6, 2001. The Examiner is respectfully requested to show the consideration of these documents by returning a signed copy of the Form PTO-1449.

If there are any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number provided below.

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 03-0060. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to said Deposit Account.

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